

REMARKS

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005. Claims 1-24 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. No claims are being canceled, amended or added at this time. Accordingly, claims 1-24 remain pending for the Examiner's consideration. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections.

I. Provisional Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-24 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/621,048. Applicant is timely filing a terminal disclaimer herewith, and thus, respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Objection to Specification

The specification was objected to for missing some patent application numbers in the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section. The specification has been amended to overcome this objection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

III. Requested Reference

Relevant portions of the Franklin reference, noted on page 20 of the specification, are included herewith per the request of the Examiner.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that all outstanding rejections and objections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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